

Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)
Required Information and Selection Criteria for Projects Nominated for CIAP
Funding

Information required for all CIAP project nomination submittals:

1. Project Title: East Timbalier Island (Eastern Section) Restoration
2. Entity/Individual nominating the project: Lafourche Parish Government
3. Contact Information (Name, Address, Telephone, Email): Windell Curole
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4. Total CIAP Funds Requested: \$20,000,000.00
5. Parish CIAP Funds Proposed:
6. State CIAP Funds Requested:
7. Infrastructure Funds Proposed: N/A
8. Description and Location of Project: The project is located in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana on East Timbalier Island. The island is part of a barrier island chain that separates Terrebonne and Timbalier bays from the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to TE-30 Project, "East Timbalier Island Sediment Restoration" that was proposed in 1994, the remnants of the island were expected to disintegrate within 11 years. Losing an average of 70 feet/yr, the island experienced one of the highest gulf coast erosion rates in Louisiana in the last century. As a barrier island, East Timbalier not only protects Louisiana's coast from hurricanes and storm surges but also lessens the erosive forces of high waves from the Gulf of Mexico as well.
9. Project Type (from list below of authorized CIAP fund uses): Conservation, restoration and protection of coastal area, including wetland.
10. Project Justification: Hurricane Katrina's impact eroded the eastern part of the island. It is necessary to restore the island to insure protection of marsh and human habitat from hurricanes and erosion. Oil and Gas facility which exist on the island is now exposed to the Gulf of Mexico. This project is a joint venture with Maritech to re-nourish/rebuild East Timbalier Island and the back wetland area that protects critical oil and gas infrastructure areas operated by Maritech. This O/G operator has stated that they would assist in the funding of maintenance after the island is restored.
11. Project cost share (Types and amounts of non-CIAP funds proposed, if any):
N/A

Types of Projects authorized by the CIAP legislation:

1. Conservation, restoration and protection of coastal area, including wetland.
2. Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources.
3. Planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with this section
4. Implementation of a federally approve marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan.
5. Mitigation of the impacts of OCS activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

Not more than 23 percent of the CIAP funds received by the State or parishes for any fiscal year can be used for the purposes described in items 3 and 5.

Criteria to be used to Evaluate Proposed Coastal Restoration and Conservation Projects

1. Is the proposed project free of issues that may impact timely implementation of the project features?
2. Is the proposed project linked to a regional strategy for maintaining established landscape features critical to a sustainable ecosystem structure and function?
3. Does the proposed project protect health and safety or infrastructure of national, state, regional or local significance?
4. How cost effective is the proposed project?
5. What is the certainty of benefits resulting from implementation of the proposed project?
6. Does the proposed project address an area of critical conservation/restoration need or a high land loss area?
7. How sustainable are the benefits of the proposed project?